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RECRUITMENT PROCESS IN ARMED FORCES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to bring about comprehensive change in recruitment process for officers in the Armed Forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said proposal is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): The Government has given 'in principle' approval to a proposal from the Army Headquarters for restructuring of the Officers' cadre in the Army which would involve changes in the recruitment process.The restructuring proposal primarily involves reduction in the intake of Permanent Commissioned Officers,increase in the intake of Short Service Commissioned Officers,introduction of a Non-Technical Entry Scheme for Short Service Commission,increasing the In-service entry, etc. The common aspects of the above proposals of the Army will be applicable to the Navy and the Air Force, to the extent possible.As the detailed modalities for the revised structure of Officer's cadre of the Army are not yet worked out,no time frame can be given at this stage for implementation of the proposal.